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FIRST ANNUAL COWBOYS' GENERAL ROUND-UP IS SUCCESS EVERY WAY

Tucumcari's First Roundup was a small affair in comparison with the one in progress in this city. Mr. D. J. Aber has kindly consented to write a little sketch concerning this historical event. Here is what he has to say:

In the Beginning

Tucumcari, 1902, July 4th

Only eight months after the plating and with a population of only 400 people, the majority of whom were sheltering under canvas, the Fourth of July was celebrated.

One block south of the Court house on vacant land, the original Four Hundred Assembly to celebrate Independence Day. The program included amusements, oratory, and refreshments—all free. A generous supply of barbecued beef was served under the shelter of a 200-foot canvas furnished by Good & Co., contractors, on the Dawson R. R.

Men and boys and horses and burros, fast and slow, all raced.

The Ridley boys, Tom and Merle, secured most of the prizes for sack races, potato races, bean picking and marble shooting. They are still residents of Tucumcari.

The music was a la Cowboy.

The evening display of balloons and fireworks delighted everyone present. The only resident official at that time was a justice of the peace. He tried one case and could do nothing with it. His second case was for sanitary negligence. The man was confined in a tent outside the city limits. The wind blew the tent down and the man escaped. He has never been seen here since.

From that day until the present, Tucumcari has regarded the velocity of the wind and driven the stakes deep.

Cowboys General Roundup

The Roundup was the biggest event ever pulled off in this section of the state. People came for many miles from all directions to the First Roundup in Tucumcari. The attendance has been up in the thousands and what was feared would be failure financially, has been sufficient to pay the big attractions their guarantee.

Slim Allen and his wife were here and made good. They were not successful in pulling down the first prizes in many of the events because of the fact that some of the best riders and ropers, as well as branders are residents of this immediate country, and they were here to work and win. Few of the contestants were second raters. Texas Jack, Thad Phippin, Bugger Red, Fred Atkinson, Wyatt Nations, Chas. McNeill, W. A. Davis, Gene Gallegos, S. Gholson, Royal Lackey, Jim Whitmore, and dozens of others who have class sufficient to enter them in any contest, the biggest in this country, were here to assist the local management make this first event a success, and it was a success.

The steer riding contest the first day was marred with the serious injury of the first contestant, Bud Clayton, who fell underneath the animal when he jumped the fence. Clayton was picked up and remained unconscious for several minutes. Life seemed extinct, but he was finally revived by physicians from the crowd. The contests proceeded and but few other accidents happened.

Fancy roping, calf branding, relay races, bronc busting and bulldogging were as good as you will see anywhere and the immense crowds were satisfied. The wild mule race was one of the special features that won praise from everybody present. It was a real treat. The steer bull-dogging was excellent and those in charge made it possible to pull off the big events in front of the grand stand so that no person could fail to get his money's worth.

The News, as well as the other papers of the county, repeatedly advertised that the general admission would be 50c and the grand stand 25c, therefore there was no excuse for anyone not knowing before hand that the big Roundup would not be free. The main events started shortly after one o'clock and continued until dark. Most of the crowd stayed until the last event of the afternoon was finished. The price of admission was cheap considering the prices paid for circuses and tent shows that only last about an hour and a half. The steer bulldogging on the second day, Wednesday, was worth the admission price and it would take a great deal more nerve than most of us have to undertake the job of bulldogging some of the long-horns. It is true the purses for the big events were large but there were a large number of entrants and in order to secure the best talent it was necessary to hang up suitable purses.

The town has been alive with cowmen and cowboys, most of whom are perfect gentlemen, some have been loud and a few have been intoxicated, but taken as a whole everything has

passed off excellently under the guidance of those in charge.

A newspaper man of Chicago was asked if he was not afraid to stay in town with the wild west spirit so much in evidence. He answered that he was not. That during the summer he had had his pockets picked three times in Chicago, but he had not lost a penny since coming here, so it is not so bad as some of us thought it would be. The first day some of the boys were persuaded by the moving picture man to ride into the saloons that he might secure some real sensations.

The special attractions up town at night were well patronized and while some of them were not what they should be they could have been worse. Two moving picture shows were working overtime to accommodate the big crowd; the jine dance was one of the popular attractions, while the concert by the Amarillo band was highly enjoyed by everyone.

The boxing exhibition was good and while most of us do not fully understand this game it seemed like there was too much clinching and stalling on the part of Lubb, who was handicapped by the superior boxing and reach of Livingston. Lubb is a hard man to hit, he thinks a whole lot of that mug and Livingston's wallop while numerous did not bother him in the least. He worried Livingston considerably and missed many a hard one meant to land on the soldier's jaw but the clean open fighting of the soldier won the decision of the referee. He was the aggressor most of the time and landed at will on the Denver man but his punches lacked the steam and it was plain at the onset it was up to him to win on points. The decision of the referee was satisfactory.

BRONC RIDING

PURSE, \$200.00—Elimination contest first day, \$20.00; Elimination contest second day, \$20.00; Final contest third day, first prize \$96.00; Second \$48.00; Third \$16.00.

First Day—Bill Barnes 1st; Bill Gillespie 2nd; and Texas Jack 3rd.

Second Day—Tom Eckard 1st; Fred Atkinson 2nd; Slim Allen 3rd.

Third Day—Six entrants worked in Grand Finals, Fred Atkinson, Bill Gillespie, Texas Jack, Tom Eckard, Bud Clayton and Bugger Red. This contest held Friday afternoon.

STEER ROPING

PURSE, \$200.00—Elimination contest first day, \$20.00; Elimination contest second day, \$20.00; Final contest third day, first prize \$96.00; Second \$48.00; Third \$16.00.

First Day—Roy Lackey 1st; Texas Jack and Bill Davis tied for second in 12 seconds; O. M. Coggins and Sandy Fluit tied for third 12½ seconds.

Second Day—Pitchfork Kid 1st in 10 seconds; Chas. McNeill 2nd in 11 seconds; Wyatt Nations 3rd in 12½ seconds.

Grand Finals Friday by R. W. Lackey, Homer Ford, W. A. Davis, Wyatt Nations, S. Gholson and Chas. McNeill.

CALF BRANDING

PURSE, \$200.00—Elimination contest first day, \$20.00; Elimination contest second day, \$20.00; Final contest third day, first prize \$96.00; Second \$48.00; Third \$16.00.

First Day—Sandy Fluit 1st in 1:34; A. B. Bagley 2nd in 1:45; Chas. McNeill 3rd in 1:51.

Second Day—Jim Gillespie 1st in 1:10½; Gene Gallegos 2nd in 1:18; Will Elliott 3rd in 2:18.

Grand Finals Friday with five entrants, Chas. McNeill, Gene Gallegos, Hill Burrow, A. B. Bagley and Wyatt Nations.

FREE FOR ALL ¼-MILE RACE

PURSE \$200.00—First prize \$120.00; Second prize \$60.00; Third prize \$20.00. Lee Burks 1st; Chas. Burks 2nd; C. G. Sells 3rd.

QUICK CHANGE RELAY RACE

PURSE, \$200.00—Elimination contest first day \$20.00; Elimination contest second day \$20.00; Final contest third day, first prize \$96.00; Second prize \$48.00; Third prize \$16.00.

First Day—J. H. Epps 1st; Sandy Fluit 2nd; Gene Gallegos disqualified because helper assisted in handing rider the girth.

Second Day—Gene Gallegos 1st; J. H. Epps 2nd; Sandy Fluit 3rd.

Grand Finals—Gene Gallegos 1st; J. H. Epps 2nd; Sandy Fluit 3rd.

RANGE RELAY RACE

PURSE, \$150.00—First prize \$90.00; Second prize \$45.00; Third prize \$15.00. Friday afternoon Hill Burrow, W. A. Davis, Jim Mann and A. B. Bagley competing.

300 YARD COW PONY RACE

PURSE, \$150.00—First prize \$90.00

Second \$45.00; Third \$15.00; Judge did not have time to look up winners, will try to give them soon.

BOYS' PONY RACE ¼-MILE

PURSE, \$50.00—Divided two ways. First prize \$25.00; Second prize \$20.00. A. B. Bagley 1st; Clarence Jenkins on Rileys horse 2nd; Lee Burkes on Chas. Brown's pony 3rd.

LADIES' RACE—HALF MILE

PURSE \$50.00, divided three ways. First prize \$25; Second prize \$15; Third prize \$10. Bill Dickey 1st; Percy Sample 2nd; Did not get name of 3rd.

CHUCK WAGON RACE

PURSE \$60.00, \$20. daily. Two to start each day. Royal Lackey 1st; Jess Perkins 2nd.

POTATO RACE

PURSE \$60.00, \$20 daily. Two teams, four men each. Hill Burrow won 1st Wednesday.

Finals Friday afternoon with four entrants, R. W. Lackey, Hill Burrow, Sandy Fluit and R. E. Culbertson.

QUICK CHANGE NOVELTY RACE

PURSE \$45.00, \$15 daily. First prize \$10; Second prize \$5. W. A. Davis 1st; R. Culbertson 2nd. Grand Finals Friday with six entrants, Bud Clayton, Hill Burrow, W. A. Davis, H. J. Metcalf, Sandy Fluit, and W. A. Brown.

WILD MULE RACE

PURSE \$100.00, \$30 daily. First prize \$20; Second \$10, and \$10 extra prize for best average rode for three days.

First Day—J. Bryant 1st; Gene Gallegos 2nd.

Second Day—Jim Bryant 1st; Gene Gallegos 2nd.

Grand Finals Friday with thirteen entrants, Bud Clayton, Jim Bryant, Tom Eckard, Hill Burrow, Homer Ford, Sandy Fluit, Gene Gallegos, Slim Allen, Fred Atkinson, Bugger Red, Alvin Brassfield, Bill Barnes, and Scotty.

STEER RIDING

PURSE \$100.00, \$30 daily. First prize \$20; Second \$10; and \$10 extra prize for best average ride for the three days.

First Day—Gillespie (with F. Atkinson riding) 1st; Fred Atkinson 2nd; Second Day—Eight entrants but did not get winners on account of judge being too busy.

STEER BULLDOGGING

PURSE \$150.00, \$15 daily for first two days. Best average time on all steers wins, first \$72, second \$36 and third \$12.

Eight entrants, Bud Clayton; Slim Allen; Tom Eckard, Alvin Brassfield; Bugger Red, H. J. Metcalf, Fred Atkinson and Scotty.

Will give winners next week.

\$25.00 SPECIAL PRIZE

A special prize of \$25 will be offered for the best pitching horse. Have made no decision.

The bronc riding by Prairie Laile was a special feature, she being the only lady bronc rider to compete for the prize.

Bugger Red bull-dogging steer from auto was another special attraction.

The management was unable to finish all the events advertised within the three days' limit, so the fourth day—Friday—was added. A horse race with \$50.00 and entrance fees was added to the Friday program; 60 per cent to winner; 40 per cent to 2nd.

Another free for all race 550 yards. Purse \$50, with entrance fees added, cut 60 and 40.

Pack race was held only one day, Friday, with three contestants, W. A. Davis, Hill Burrow and A. B. Bagley. The Range Relay was also so crowded over till Friday. Four entrants, Hill Burrow, W. A. Davis, Jim Mann and A. B. Bagley competing.

SHOULDER DISLOCATED

Tom Wright, 55, while riding a bad bone the first day was thrown and sustained a dislocated collar bone and sprained arm. He was given a brace that failed to pitch. The judges required him to ride another and after making ten or twelve jumps the saddle girth broke causing Wright's mishap. Upon examination it is said the girth had been partly cut in two with a knife during the change from one horse to the other. Wright is a good rider and was badly disappointed in not being able to finish the contests.

He was riding "Fango" one of the best pitching horses in the lot.

List your large ranches with us. We have the buyers. Ford Land Co., Amarillo, Texas.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY

Last year fire prevention day, October 9, was observed and officially recognized in thirty-one states and nearly all the large cities. We are too busy rounding up and being rounded up to prepare for anything else but we can at least remember the day and know that much is being done in other places to check the monster that is destroying millions of dollars in property each year. In this windy country it is our duty to avoid fire and we of Tucumcari should be unusually careful until the city can provide better fire fighting facilities.

It has been said that carelessness is our national sin and that ninety per cent of our fires originate in carelessness. For the year ending Oct. 4th, Tucumcari has been extremely fortunate, having only nineteen alarms and no disastrous fires. Of the nineteen calls, four was caused by defective flues, three by throwing out ashes with fire in them, three by burning trash, two by children playing with matches, two from oil stove, two unknown, one from leaving hot iron on board, one from cleaning with gasoline and one false alarm.

These causes cover the most common errors and we mention them with the hope that it may be the means of avoiding future fires from similar causes. The ash pile is not only a fire hazard but a public nuisance when turned loose in the winds.

A square pen, six by six and five feet high will hold a wagon load of ashes and afford a place to burn the trash, provided you have a wire frame to throw over it. Such pens can be built with adobes at small expense.

Children will play with matches as long as there are children and matches but it is no less than criminal negligence for a man to run fire up through his house without knowing something about the flue that carries it. For the safety of your own property and the safety of your neighbors property, do not put up your stoves until you have had your flues examined and cleaned.

The storing of gasoline and other explosives should be regulated by our city council. An other menace that is confronting us is the shingle roof. They should not be allowed to endanger the business district. A few weeks ago three cities burned to the ground in two days. The loss was estimated at Nine Million dollars. Engineers and fire experts claim that the shingle roof was responsible. Lets keep them a safe distance from the congested district. Our school buildings are unprotected, having neither water nor chemical apparatus. A good plan would be to have small hose and water on each floor of the building. A few chemical pieces should be kept in every building and a few of the larger boys organized into a department and trained in the use of these fixtures.

The first eight months of this year the fire loss in the United States and Canada, compiled from records, was approximately one hundred and sixty million dollars.

This enormous waste can be reduced by fire prevention methods. We of Tucumcari must do our part and when we go to burn paper out in the open, let us remember October the 9th, the anniversary of the greatest fire this country has ever known, the Chicago fire.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The following services will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday:

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. The subject will be, "A Son of Consolation."

By special request at 7 p. m., the stereopticon lectures on the "Life of Christ" given last Sunday evening will be repeated. This will take the place of the Christian Endeavor service, and will be followed at 7:30 by the second lecture on the Life of Christ. These lectures are free, and every one is invited.

Sunday school 10 a. m.

The bible class meeting in the main auditorium offers a fine opportunity for Bible study.

NEW YORK SHY ON MILK

New York, Oct. 5.—The first disorder growing out of the milk situation took place here early today when it was necessary to call police reserves to disperse more than 500 women, mostly foreigners, many with babies in arms, who stormed two health department milk stations in Harlem.

The women previously had canvassed stores in the neighborhood in search of milk for their children, and finding none, gathered at the city stations. A few were admitted.

The News force has been taking in the big roundup, therefore the paper is a day late and it is somewhat shy on local news. There was too much to try to get all so its up to us to apologize for not having the usual local page.

J. A. Ramsey of Santa Fe, is attending court in this city.

J. E. Miles of Endee was here this week taking in the roundup.

The crowd in Tucumcari on Wednesday was perhaps the largest during the week, estimated at 5000 to 6000.

COMMUNICATION

Dear Editor: When the Socialists nominated me for the responsible position of County Superintendent of Education I was at Silver City, four hundred miles away, attending the Summer Normal for teachers. I had never thought of so great a trust being thrust upon me. In fact I had thought women had no business in politics, and I would yet, did my history and civics not teach me that politics means more than party strife.

Looking upon the work of School Superintendent as a high office and a position in which all the people are to be served, I have decided to state to the public that if the majority should give me their suffrage I would accept and strive to continue to improve the work of the schools of the county.

Thanking you for this opportunity of getting my first public statement before the people, I am, Respectfully,

MRS. JAMES T. KING.

MORE SOLDIERS GO THROUGH

Another regiment of Pennsylvania militia passed through Tucumcari on its way to El Paso Wednesday. The boys were allowed to detain and watch the roundup. They saw the cowboys bull-dogging steers and it was a real treat to them. They remained in Tucumcari about an hour and a half.

Friday morning two more trains of troops from Washington, D. C., passed thru and these boys got to see a part of the Friday program. They were a nice looking bunch and in good spirits.

DISTRICT COURT IN SESSION—PETIT JURY CALLED FOR MONDAY

Judge Leib, District Attorney Remley and Court Stenographer, Miss Bell Parker arrived the first of the week and court opened Monday with Judge Leib in the chair.

Grand jury was in session all week until Friday morning when it adjourned after finding twenty-two true bills and several no bills.

There was already more than thirty criminal cases docketed for this term. An embezzlement case against W. F. Buchanan, and two more embezzlement cases against T. R. H. Smith of Las Cruces in connection with the failure of the First State Bank of this place.

Four cases are chalked up against Frank Smith for concealing stolen property in one place and two more on the same charge.

Several perjury cases are also on the docket, against J. P. Miller, Geo. W. Evans, Jr., and Hugh Swift.

A number of larceny cases are to be heard this term.

On account of the roundup the judge and jury worked early and late in order to get off for the afternoon events at the fair ground, but the docket is complete and the petit jury chosen in order to start the grist to grinding next Monday morning.

It is not known just when the murder cases will be heard, but it is supposed they will be about the first next week in order to get through with that part of the court work.

Paul Heubler of Logan, who shot and killed Jeff Woodard, is here ready for trial. He was granted bail and has been practically at liberty for several months. This case promises to be the most interesting during the session and there is no doubt but the court room will be crowded to its capacity.

The Zantz murder case will probably come up this term. Anderson, who made affidavit to doing the killing, is said now to be denying his guilt.

The Townsend murder trial which was brought to Quay county from Colfax county on a change of venue, is to be commenced next Wednesday. This case has some of the best legal talent employed. Judge J. G. Northcutt of Trinidad and Judge Jno. Morrow of Raton are the defendants attorneys and are here ready to try the case. They will be ably assisted by Attorney Harry H. McElroy of this city. The State will have assistance and it is expected the case will be hard fought from the beginning.

Townsend is charged with having killed his wife with an iron stove poker by striking her on the head.

Nothing has been heard of Wilson and Carver having been granted a rehearing, so it is expected that their appeal will be carried over.

OLD NEWSPAPER MAN HERE

W. G. Conner, formerly a newspaper publisher in Missouri, but now a resident of the Woodrow neighborhood, was in Tucumcari Friday. Mr. Conner has been convinced that Tucumcari merchants sell goods about as low as they do anywhere. He would not own up that the roundup had anything to do with his coming here this week, but he is one of the youngest old men in this county, and no doubt enjoys a little wild west sports.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CANDIDATES HERE TUESDAY AND MET VOTERS OF COUNTY

The Democratic state candidates arrived in Tucumcari this week somewhat behind their schedule, on account of encountering some bad sand between Logan and Tucumcari. The party composed of Messrs. Davison, candidate for Land Commissioner; Patton the candidate for Attorney General, and Montoya, candidate for Corporation Commissioner.

They arrived late Monday night but not in time to speak. They were here Tuesday for the 1st day of the big roundup and succeeded in meeting the voters of the county who received them graciously.

Hon. A. A. Jones, Hon. W. B. Walton and Hon Antonio Lucero arrived Tuesday and addressed a good sized audience composed of representative citizens of Quay county, at the Court House that evening.

Mr. Walton was first to speak and he made an extra good impression upon his hearers. He recited some of the past experiences of the recent legislatures in New Mexico, also told of the manipulation of the republican political machine. He would make a representative in congress that would be a credit to the state and would work for the interests of the state as well as the nation.

Mr. Jones was then introduced and it is useless to comment on his convincing arguments in favor of the present administration. He upheld the president's Mexican policy and every other policy favored and passed by the president and congress. Mr. Jones is a big broad-minded statesman without a political blemish and there is little doubt about him defeating Mr. Hulibel, the republican nominee. He will have the united support of the Democracy of this county as he has at all times stood by the homesteader and citizens of this part of the state. He will also secure a number of republican votes, from those who know and appreciate his ability.

Hon. Antonio Lucero addressed the audience in English Tuesday night and again on Wednesday morning at the Court House he addressed the Spanish speaking voters in their native tongue. Mr. Lucero is a firm believer in good schools and has figured out the right way to abolish the race question. He thinks the only way is to teach all pupils the English language and when they all speak the same there will be no more race issue. He said it was natural for anyone to suppose that a man speaking a foreign language must necessarily be a foreigner. While the Spanish-Americans are Americans by birth they do not seem so unless they learn to speak the English language which is generally accepted as the American language.

Messrs. Jones, Walton, and Lucero spent Wednesday here getting acquainted. During the day Mr. Lucero went to Logan and addressed an audience there, returning to Tucumcari and rejoining the party on its trip over Eastern New Mexico.

CAN A MAN BE SAVED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH?

Will be the subject at 7:30 at the Christian Church. There appears to be more or less confusion upon this point. Come and hear the scriptural teaching upon this very important question. The 11 o'clock subject will be: "Behold, I Knock!"

Our hearts were made to rejoice when four made the great confession last Lord's Day evening, and we hope these turnings to Christ may be of frequent occurrence.

The great auto race made its first mileage record Oct. 1st. The Buick led in the first count with 340 miles, and the Ford showed but 283. Just keep your eye on the little Ford, however, and you'll see it keeps chugging right along. A little acceleration will help right now.

We are promised special music for the evening service. Join us in its enjoyment.

NORRIS J. REASONER, Minister.

BAPTIST MEETING

Beginning the second Sunday in October at eleven o'clock a. m., the First Baptist church of Tucumcari is to begin a protracted meeting with the pastor, Rev. A. L. Maddox leading. Pastor Maddox has been with the church only four months and the church has added by baptism during this time, twenty-one members. Congregations have grown and interest increased till a great meeting is expected.

FIRE DAMAGES BIG COLLEGE

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 5.—Fire today destroyed the main building of Christian Brothers' college here today. Two aged members of the college faculty are missing and are believed to have perished, and an assistant nurse, who jumped, was seriously injured.